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## Letter from Adeline Manning, to Anne Whitney, 1883 May 15

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Tues May 15/83

My Dearest - We are much encouraged  
this morning because since yesterday  
noon Father has seemed more com-  
fortable, quiet. & contented with  
his food - Yesterday we had de-  
cided to call a consultation; but  
when the Dr saw Father at night,  
he decided that it would be a  
great mistake to disturb his present  
conviction that he is doing well, with  
the suggestion of consultation: &  
the same this morning - especially  
as Dr Catlin is himself convinced  
that Father is doing as well as possi-  
ble just now - that is he is "holding  
his own" - with increased relish  
for nourishment, & diminution of  
stimulants - & the weather yester-  
day & today not favorable.

Father's trouble is not pneumonia  
but rather Consumption, as I under-  
stand it - that is the expectora-  
tion indicates not filling up of lungs

I suppose the leaves in today - How long since Saturday  
to my father's  
mother's  
A. H. H.



but consumption of lung tissue - which  
at first threatened to be rapid - it  
is now arrested - & the effort is to  
heal & unite the part that discharges.  
Much depends upon the ability to assim-  
ilate nourishment as far as can under-  
stand - & the digestive weakness makes  
the doubt. Which I know the doctor  
still considers very grave: but we know  
that Dr. Eakin doctor on the cautious  
side - & speaks with caution & prudence. He  
has modified very much in his prac-  
tice, & gives a minimum of medicine,  
& his heart is with his patient.

Father is very happy in the con-  
templation of either life or death.  
As for his affairs he says "I can  
die to day as well as twelve years  
hence -" He says "I have had a  
long life, & my work is done - & I  
am ready to go - but I should like  
to stay & enjoy a rest a little while.  
& Although I see that I may not get



well, still I hope to - & I rather think  
I am going to pull through this time.  
He has felt still more hopeful since  
yesterday noon - when he had a  
little talk with Henry about a few  
things that he wanted attended to, &  
got his mind absolutely free - He has  
a little joke with Clara & Mary whenever  
they go in - & enjoys seeing all his children  
& it does not fatigue him - He makes  
inquiries about you - & has the welfare  
of a great many people on his mind  
in a very happy way - I do not feel  
anxious - as long as he continues happy  
& comfortable - It is all so different  
from our poor Aunt - she too had  
those for whom she had been concerned  
upon her mind - but in bad vision  
she saw them suffering, as she suffered.  
I could cry for joy if Father could be  
spared all that, even though he should  
die -

All this I have written & noted  
about your dear self - Tell me



Every thing. If you are well it is as  
thanks to you, I say to my self. Who  
left me you the means of your  
happiness.

Mother is trying to let us help her more than at first. She is up & down with Father's feeling. I could write you a chapter like some of Mrs J. W. C.'s could I take time.

I had not a minute to write yesterday - & today I write without having a minute - I did not come a minute to town - It takes <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ passing time to see friends who call not chance inquirers but those who have a right - come & hear - & then there are the thousand things to which Father himself always attended - & but I am extremely well - only needing to hear from you - Give my love to Mrs Chapman - I wish I could write her that note about the medals - When I covered the top of the face & asked Lizzy when it looked like she said like ship whiskey

I suppose she leaves Sa today - How long since Saturday